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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Hiroshi SUZUKI et al.  
Serial No.: 10/790,140  
Filed: March 2, 2004  
For: DISK ARRAY DEVICE AND METHOD OF CHANGING THE CONFIGURATION OF THE DISK  
Group: 2182  
Examiner: D. Martinez

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 26, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 9, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Drawings** describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 5.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.